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In re Application of: Shannon, et al.

) Group Art Unit: 3738

Application No.: 09/981,337

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Dear Sir:

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Responsive to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003, please make the following changes:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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A Petition for a one-month extension of time is also submitted herewith to extend the time for response.